

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz
Masashige TAMURA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/693,981)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3977
Filed: October 28, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	November 28, 2006
INCLUDING GRAVITY-OPERATED :	:	
OPENING AND CLOSING)	
MEMBER FOR DISCHARGING	:	
EXCESS DEVELOPER)	
(AS AMENDED)	:	

Mail Stop Amendment

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows with reference to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006: